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A GUIDE TO PARTICIPATION How to Lobby the California State Legislature **Compliments of Assemblymember Gene Mullin**

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Dear Friend:

In order to truly serve the people they were elected to represent, legislators need to hear from their constituents about important issues affecting their lives. Personally contacting your elected representatives is one of the most effective ways to get involved in the political process.

This activity, commonly known as "lobbying," is all too often associated with

paid professionals or Capitol "insiders." The most common form of lobbying, however, is undertaken by average citizens.

This booklet provides suggestions and basic tips on how to become an effective citizen lobbyist. By following these simple guidelines, you can make your communications more effective and help guarantee a more persuasive lobbying effort.

Please call or write me if you have any questions or concerns about a state matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin

Assemblymember, 19th District

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE 2001/02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL •

No. 675

Introduced by Assembly Member Migden

February 22, 2001

An act to amend Section 1170 of the Penal Code, relating to sentencing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSELS DIGEST

AB 6/5, as introduced, Migden. Sentencing.

Under existing law, a state prisoner who is diagnosed with a disease that would produce death within 6 months and whose release is deemed not to threaten the public safety may have his or her sentence recalled and be resentenced.

This bill would oblige a physician employed by the Department of Corrections who determines that a prisoner has 6 months or less to live to inform the appropriate prison warden of that fact. This bill would also require the warden or the warden's representative to inform a prisoner given that prognosis of his or her rights under the recall and resentencing procedures, and to arrange for the prisoner's designee to be informed of the prisoner's medical condition and prognosis, and of the procedures for recall and resentencing. This bill would require the warden or the warden's representative to contact a mentally unfit inmate's emergency contact and provide the contact with this information. This bill would also direct the warden or the warden's representative to keep the prisoner and the prisoner's designee apprised of the prisoner's medical condition and recall and resentencing proceedings. This bill would also provide that when a prisoner or his or her designee initiates recall and resentencing procedures, the Director of Corrections shall notify the prisoner or the prisoner's designee of the

ASSEMBLY BILL

INDICATES **HOUSE OF ORIGIN**

BILLS ARE NUMBERED **SEQUENTIALLY IN EACH HOUSE OVER THE TWO-YEAR LEGISLATIVE** SESSION

AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHORS OF THE BILL

CALIFORNIA CODE SECTIONS AFFECTED

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S **SUMMARY OF** THE MEASURE, **FOLLOWED BY** THE TEXT OF THE BILL

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